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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	<b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The amendment programs three new projects, South Coast Transit Priorities (MPO Id: MTD5), Operating Assistance for the South Coast Transit Priorities (MPO Id: MTD7) and Operating Assistance for the Santa Ynez Valley Regional Transit Service (MPO Id: MTD 8), to provide capital and operating assistance for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (SBMTD). These projects are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 1 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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